



**Environmental Assessment Decision Notice:  
Wolf Creek Bridge Development  
June 23, 2016**

**Proposal**

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) propose to make improvements to Wolf Creek Bridge Fishing Access Site. Improvements will include paving the parking area, re-locate some campsites, add a second vault latrine, install 2 shelters and construct a storm water retention area. This project will increase the number of parking spaces for single vehicle and vehicles pulling trailers/boats. Heavy use at this site requires that a second latrine be installed to help with increase in traffic. An ADA campsite will be located next to the latrine so that the concrete surface will help with more direct access. Tent camping will be available on natural turf and away from RV camping.

**Public Comment:**

The EA was posted on the FWP website for a 30 day public comment period. We sent a press release and also mailed out copies to the surrounding land owners. There were 23 comments for this project. Two comments/questions came from DOT. FWP worked directly with them to address their questions. Sixteen were in favor of the project and 5 were against. Of the 5 comments that were against the project, they all approved of the second latrine being added. Three of the opposed comments said that other sites needed repair more than Wolf Creek Bridge and a couple mentioned doing work that was not included in the proposed project.

**Response to Comments:**

Emails were sent back to every person who made a comment about the project. Every issue/concern they addressed was discussed and further explanation was offered. Comments made regarding parking and camping were all reviewed and FWP design staff was able to make plan revisions to accommodate those issues. There were concerns about decreasing the number of campsites. FWP made some revisions to the design to allow for the same number of sites at the site. We have put in sites that will specifically for tent camping. We also put in the design to convert to grassy areas to accommodate 2 more tent sites. Overall, the new design will include changes made that came from suggestions made during the public comment period. One of the biggest concerns involved decreasing the number of camp site or parking spaces. This new site will not decrease those numbers at all. Parking will increase due to the well defined area properly marked on the pavement.

**Alternative A: No Action**

If improvements are not made then the site will continue to have maintenance and traffic problems associated to water runoff issues, undefined parking, campsites in the ROW, etc. There currently are no delegated parking areas and no design elements at the site that improves pedestrian flow. The site will still be open to the public, but it will have inadequate amenities for the high volume of use. FWP will not be able to deal with runoff issues which cause constant road maintenance.

**Preferred Alternative B: Proposed Action**

**Decision**

Based on the Environmental Assessment and FWP evaluation, it is my decision to proceed with Alternative B, the proposed action of development of Wolf Creek Bridge Fishing Access Site.

I find there to be no significant impacts on human and physical environments associated with this project. Therefore, I conclude that the Environmental Assessment is the appropriate level of analysis, and that the Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

  
Gary Bertellotti  
FWP Region Four Supervisor